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January 18, 2012

To:

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman

Supervisor Gloria Molina

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

Supervisor Don Knabe

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From:

William T Fujioka

Chief Executive Officer

EXTENSION REQUEST ON OCTOBER 18, 2011 BOARD MOTION - ASSESS POTENTIAL OF EACH OPTION SUBMITTED IN AUGUST 2011 TO INCREASE GENERAL RELIEF **PROGRAM** INTEGRITY. REDUCE FRAUD. STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF PROGRAM RULES

On October 18, 2011, by motion of Supervisor Don Knabe, with amendments by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Zev Yaroslavsky, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Auditor-Controller, and the Acting Director of Public Social Services (DPSS) in consultation with the advocate community who include, but are not limited to, Public Counsel Law Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, to assess the potential of each of the options submitted by the CEO and DPSS in August 2011 to increase General Relief (GR) program integrity, reduce fraud, and/or strengthen enforcement of GR program rules, and submit a joint recommendation on whether to adopt any of the options within 90 days. This written assessment shall include the projected cost savings and expenditures of each August 2011 option, and any other options, as well as any actual evidence of program fraud.

A work group consisting of CEO, DPSS, and Auditor-Controller staff, Board Deputies, community advocates, and members of the Public Social Services Commission has been established to assess each option, conduct a data and fiscal analysis, and develop recommendations. The work group has convened four times and continues to discuss and analyze each option.

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In assessing the work required to complete the analysis of the 11 options, it has been determined that additional time is needed to conduct a thorough data and fiscal analysis of the options. Therefore, we request an extension to March 30, 2012 to complete this effort.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (213) 974-7365 or via e-mail at ajimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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